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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the art identified on the attached form PTO/SB/08A and other matters discussed below may be helpful to the Patent Office in its examination of the application identified above.

The documents cited in the corresponding International Search Report for PCT/AU2003/001339 are also listed in the accompanying Form PCT/SB/08A.

A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/AU2003/001339 is enclosed.

The following comments are directed to the documents disclosed in the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A that are not in the English language and do not have translations enclosed therewith.

DE 199 50 884 A1 appears to disclose a closure for a container wherein the closure includes a dispensing nozzle and a compartment below the nozzle which is sealed with a membrane 11 that can be broken by a piercing member 15 when the closure is screwed further down onto the container. After the membrane 11 is pierced by the pin 15, the pin, along with the plate 14 to which it is attached, is broken away from the container mouth by further downward movement of the closure. This document is designated as "Citation 3" in the corresponding international patent application PCT/AU2003/001339 International Preliminary Examination Report and is discussed therein.

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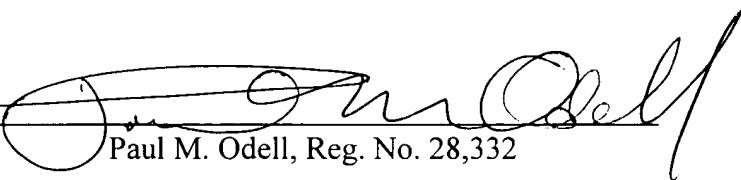
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Also, there is reserved the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosures of any document or other art, including the disclosures of the art cited herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

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